

Substitute Bill No. 1000

January Session, 2013



## AN ACT CONCERNING THE BOARD EXAMINATION SERIES PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Section 10-5c of the general statutes is repealed and the 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):
- 3 (a) The Department of Education [may] shall establish a board examination series [pilot] program to allow local and regional boards 4 5 of education to permit students in grades nine to twelve, inclusive, to substitute achievement of a passing score on an examination or a series of examinations approved by the State Board of Education for the high 7 8 school graduation requirements pursuant to section 10-221a. Not later 9 than January 1, 2014, the department shall approve or develop 10 examinations that may be used as part of the board examination series program. The State Board of Education shall issue a board examination 12 certificate to any student who has successfully completed such 13 program. Such board examination certificate shall be considered in the 14 same manner as a high school diploma for purposes of determining 15 eligibility of a student for enrollment at a public institution of higher 16 education in this state.
  - (b) Notwithstanding the high school graduation requirements pursuant to section 10-221a, for the school year commencing July 1, [2011] 2014, and each school year thereafter, a local or regional board

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- 20 of education shall permit a student to graduate from high school upon
- 21 the successful completion of the board examination series program
- 22 described in subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1 July 1, 2013 10-5c

**ED** Joint Favorable Subst.